

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MIDLAND CITY HOUSING COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017, 3:00 P.M.**  
**333 W. ELLSWORTH STREET**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM**  
**MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

**1. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Burgess, Mortensen, Garchow, Loose, and Wright

ABSENT: None

**OTHERS**

PRESENT: Brad Kaye, Assistant City Manager for Development Services; Grant Murschel, Community Development Planner; Lori Jung, Assistant Manager of Senior Housing; and sixteen (16) others.

**2. Community Development Block Grant Funding Applications**

Jennifer Chappel, Executive Director for Midland County Habitat for Humanity, presented the three requests from her agency. The first being land acquisition for a future house to be constructed. The second was for a critical home repair as part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. The third request was presented jointly with Nancy Money, Executive Director for Midland Area Homes. This request involved a joint venture between the two organizations to better meet the need for roofing replacements for low-income home owners.

Money presented two other requests from MAH. MAH is the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency for Midland County and, as such, the agency serves as the central intake for the county for persons needing any form of housing assistance. In the past, and as proposed, MAH will utilize CDBG funding with other funding sources to best meet the needs of the clients it serves for home repair and accessibility improvements. Those who qualify for either program will need to be 50% of area median income or less.

Elaine Popovich, Director of Operations, presented the request by Reece Endeavor. The request of for fire suppression stove top devices to be placed at all of the organization's housing units within the city of Midland.

Rob Worsley, Director, presented the request by Midland Community Former Offenders Advocacy and Rehabilitation. He indicated that his program has had great success through the funding provided by CDBG in the current year. The proposal is to continue the CDBG assistance to assist his organization in providing work, housing and other types of entitlement assistance to former offenders.

Susan Love, New Initiative Coordinator, presented the request by West Midland Family Center for the Family Ties program. She explained that staff at both Eastlawn and Carpenter schools make referrals to the program. Parents must show a commitment to be involved in order to participate. The program works to keep families, whom are at risk of separating, together. It is anticipated that ten families will benefit from this program, similar to recent years.

Patricia Baid, the Director of Fair Housing for Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, presented the organization's request to continue fair housing paired testing activities in the city of Midland. She indicated that additional testers are needed. The organization is committed to reducing housing discrimination within the community through enforcement and other advocacy measures.

Gina Wilson, Principal of Windover High School, presented her organization's request for funds to install a walk-in refrigerator/freezer. The school's culinary arts program is budding and additional climate controlled space is needed to support its growth. When the school first opened, the kitchen was designed to support such a walk-in unit in anticipation of the program growing.

Holly Miller, President and CEO, presented the two requests by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region. The two proposals include the replacement of the roof at the organization's headquarters building, and for the replacement of siding.

Trudy Laufer, Executive Director, presented the request for Cleveland Manor. She explained that there are two components to the request: lighting improvements and replacement of dehumidifiers to Energy Star compliant units. The lighting portion is the most expensive piece at \$35,000.

Lori Jung, Assistant Senior Housing Manager, presented the request from Washington Woods Senior Living Community. Following some security issues at the facility, she is requesting funds to complete a path lighting improvement project to bring additional security measures to the rear of the facility.

### **3. Future Meeting Date**

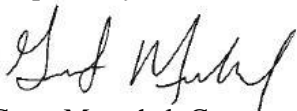
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Murschel also provided an update to the Commission regarding recent conversations in the community to solicit a housing study that would measure the need for affordable housing, similar to a recent study that was completed for Bay City. This initiative is being led by Habitat for Humanity and involves various community organizations that work in areas pertaining to the need for additional affordable housing for the lowest of income residents.

### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Loose at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Grant Murschel, Community Development Planner

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